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Tanterton Village Centre meeting: Thursday 4th February 2016

The Board of Tanterton Village Centre Ltd would like to thank Ingol & Tanterton Neighbourhood Council for facilitating the meeting, Cllr Graham Gooch for chairing it, and Julie Buttle for taking the notes.

Under our constitution, the minimum number of directors we must have is seven, the current number. However, during the meeting it was stated that we were currently looking for three new directors, to be appointed by the Board. Since the meeting we are pleased to report that we received several nominations. The Board has now appointed three new members, and will inform the unsuccessful applicants as soon as the chosen three have confirmed they wish to accept the offer.

The Board was concerned about references to cleanliness, as this matter had never been raised before. Since the meeting we have had volunteers come forward who have carried out a deep clean. We are now discussing various longer-term solutions to ensure no hirer ever finds the venue less than fully acceptable.

The Board was concerned that it was claimed that residents did not know who the members were. Their names are on the website, but it has been decided to add to the website more background information on the individuals involved. We also accept the criticism that there should be one single overall point of control and contact for the Centre. However, we do not think at this stage that the manager should be a paid role, nor do we see this role as being independent of the Board. We have therefore nominated one of our number, Alan Brookes, as the primary point of contact, with immediate effect.

We were delighted with offers of help received during and after the meeting with regard to running activities for the older youths – and in particular with the support offered by INTACT, which we are following up.

All in all, we hope that this meeting will allow us all to put aside the criticisms and differences which have plagued relationships for over a year now. It was clear from the meeting that we all share the same vision of a thriving Village Centre, open to meet the demand from different sections of the community. The trustees are keen to keep moving forward, and continue working with our volunteers, hirers and other users for the good of the community, to bring about that vision. We hope that our 'critics' can now put the past behind them and work with us. We must, however, once again emphasise that a successful Centre depends upon volunteers coming forward who are prepared to run, or help run things, as well as outside hirers prepared to put on events, both public and private.

Anyone interested in volunteering, putting on public activities or hiring the Centre for private functions should contact us as contact@tantertonvillagecentre.org.uk, or via the website www.tantertonvillagecentre.org.uk

On behalf of the Board of TVC Ltd,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Young', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Nikki Young

Chair, Tanterton Village Centre Ltd

25 February 2016